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GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR TO KEYNOTE INTERNATIONAL FORUM
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Jackson, Mississippi) – Governor Haley Barbour will tout Mississippi's emergence in the high-tech business sector on Sunday when he keynotes the third annual session of the international Science and Technology in Society Forum in Japan.

Governor Barbour was invited by the Japanese government to address top business leaders and scientists from around the world as they gather at the International Conference Hall in Kyoto, Japan. He will deliver the keynote address at the forum's official dinner, where he is also expected to speak about the role of science and technology in daily life.

"This is an ideal setting and audience to talk about Mississippi's emergence in the high-tech sector," Governor Barbour said. "With so much economic development activity and the potential for many high-paying new jobs in Mississippi coming from this important sector, and with so many safety and security issues connected to science and technology, it is important to share ideas for the future."

Last year's second annual forum drew more than 500 people from 56 countries, including scientists, business and government leaders, and 10 Nobel laureates from the science and technology fields.

Governor Barbour heads for Japan on Friday and returns on Monday.

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